

SECRETARY OF STATE

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

GOVERNOR  
PHIL BRYANT



DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson,  
the 30th day of November, in the year of our  
Lord two thousand twelve, and of the  
Independence of the United States of  
America, the two hundred and thirty-  
seventh.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor  
by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of  
official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order the State Flag on all  
buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at  
half staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Monday, December 3, 2012, in  
remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, Senator Benjie L. Turner.

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Senator  
Benjie L. Turner;

Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and former Chairman of the Judiciary  
Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner served as Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.  
He was first elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 1993 where he  
served until his death; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was a member of the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar  
Associations and the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner is survived by his wife, Edna Walker Turner and  
three daughters: Angelia, Carolyn and Letta; and

WHEREAS, Senator Turner was a native of Clay County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2012, Mississippi lost a respected statesman with  
the passing of Senator Benjie L. Turner; and

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1309



Office of the Governor

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI